

## WHO Official Launch of the Quality of Care Guidelines (May 8<sup>th</sup> 2025)

Ambassador Asazuma officiated at a WHO Official Launch of the Quality of Care Guidelines on World Hand Hygiene Day 2025 together with Hon. Dr. Esperance Luvindao – Minister of Health and Social Services, Dr. Richard Banda – WHO Country Representative and Mr. Samuel Kweku Ocran – UNICEF Country Representative. The Quality of Care Guidelines were developed as part of the 2024 Japan Supplementary Budget funding of USD 500,000, for the project “Increasing Access to Quality Nutrition and Protection Services for Vulnerable Populations, including Women and Children” implemented by WHO.

The Clinical & Death Audit Guidelines, the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Assessing Patient Experience, and the Paediatric Care Booklets were developed with the aim of strengthening clinical care and promoting safer, more patient-centred care. The project has supported the training of 467 healthcare providers and community health workers to enhance the delivery of quality healthcare services.

Ambassador Asazuma stated that “The Government of Japan remains committed to advancing quality and safe healthcare services for all, with particular attention to the needs of vulnerable and underserved populations.”



Ambassador Asazuma and Hon. Luvindao (center) during the official launch of the Quality of Care Guideline Books.



The developed guidelines and booklet